In the claims

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:

detecting biometric information of [[a]] the customer by an entertainment machine;

the entertainment machine comparing the biometric information of the customer against a database of biometric information of a plurality of predetermined people other than the customer and with which the customer is likely to be familiar to yield one or more people having biometric information that most closely matches the biometric information of the customer; and,

indicating to the customer by the entertainment machine of identities of the one or more people having biometric information that most closely matches the biometric information of the customer.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein detecting the biometric information of the customer comprises acquiring one or more of: facial images of the customer; voice samples of the customer; fingerprint scans of the customer; handprint scans of the customer; and, retinal ~~or other~~ eye scans of the customer.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the biometric information of the customer against the database of biometric information of the plurality of predetermined people other than the customer comprises comparing the biometric information of the customer against one or more databases selected from ~~the group of databases comprising:~~ a database of biometric information of a plurality of famous individuals; a database of biometric information of a plurality of sports stars; a database of biometric information of a plurality of celebrities; a database of biometric information of a plurality of politicians; a database of biometric information of a

plurality of historical figures; and, a database of biometric information of a plurality of fictitious characters.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the biometric information of the customer against the database of biometric information of the plurality of predetermined people other than the customer comprises yielding a predetermined number of the one or more people having biometric information that most closely matches the biometric information of the customer

5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein comparing the biometric information of the customer against the database of biometric information of the plurality of predetermined people other than the customer comprises yielding the one or more people having biometric information that most closely matches the biometric information of the customer as the one or more people having biometric information that matches the biometric information of the customer by more than a threshold.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein indicating to the customer by the entertainment machine of the ~~identifies~~ identities of the one or more people having biometric information that most closely matches the biometric information of the customer comprises displaying at least one of a picture and a name of each of the one or more people.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein indicating to the customer by the entertainment machine of the ~~identifies~~ identities of the one or more people having biometric information that most closely matches the biometric information of the customer comprises printing a hardcopy of at least one of a picture and a name of each of the one or more people.

8. (currently amended) An entertainment machine comprising:

a biometric acquisition mechanism to obtain biometric information of a customer;

a computer-readable medium having stored thereon a database of biometric information of a plurality of predetermined people with which the customer is likely to be familiar;

a comparison mechanism to compare the biometric information of the customer against the database to yield one or more people having biometric information that most closely matches the biometric information of the customer; and,

an output mechanism to indicate to the customer the one or more people having biometric information that most closely matches the biometric information of the customer.

9. (original) The entertainment machine of claim 8, further comprising a credit-accepting mechanism to accept cash-oriented credit from the customer and in response initiate obtaining the biometric information of the customer, comparing the biometric information of the customer against the database, and indicating to the customer the one or more people having biometric information that most closely matches the biometric information of the customer.

10. (original) The entertainment machine of claim 8, wherein the biometric acquisition mechanism comprises one or more of: an image-capturing mechanism to capture at least one of facial images, retinal scans, and eye scans of the customer; a sound-recording mechanism to record voice samples of the customer; and, a touch-sensitive mechanism to obtain at least one of fingerprint scans and handprint scans of the customer.

11. (original) The entertainment machine of claim 8, wherein the database comprises one or more of: a database of biometric information of a plurality of famous individuals; a database of biometric information of a plurality of sports stars; a database of biometric information of a plurality of celebrities; a database of biometric information of a plurality of politicians; a database

of biometric information of a plurality of historical figure; and, a database of biometric information of a plurality of fictitious characters.

12. (original) The entertainment machine of claim 8, wherein the output mechanism comprises at least one of: a display device, and a printing device.

13. (currently amended) A method comprising:

detecting biometric information of a first customer by an entertainment machine;

detecting biometric information of a second customer different than the first customer by the entertainment machine;

determining how closely the biometric information of the first customer and the biometric information of the second customer match; and,

indicating how closely the biometric information of the first customer and the biometric information of the second customer match to the first and the second customers by the entertainment machine.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein detecting the biometric information comprises acquiring one or more of: facial images; voice samples; fingerprint scans; handprint scans; and, retinal ~~or other eye~~ scans.

15. (original) The method of claim 13, wherein determining how closely the biometric information of the first customer and the biometric information of the second customer match comprises determining a similarity value between the biometric information of the first customer and the biometric information of the second customer.

16. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein indicating how closely the biometric information of the first customer and the biometric information of the second customer match to the first and the second customers comprises displaying the similarity value.

17. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein indicating how closely the biometric information of the first customer and the biometric information of the second customer match to the first and the second customers comprises printing a hardcopy of the similarity value.

18. (currently amended) An entertainment machine comprising:

a biometric acquisition mechanism to obtain biometric information of a first customer and biometric information of a second customer different than the first customer;

a comparison mechanism to determine how closely the biometric information of the first customer matches the biometric information of the second customer; and,

an output mechanism to indicate to the first customer and the second customer[[s]] how closely the biometric information of the first customer matches the biometric information of the second customer.

19. (currently amended) The entertainment machine of claim 18, further comprising a credit-accepting mechanism to accept cash-oriented credit from at least one of the first customer and the second customer[[s]] and in response initiating obtaining the biometric information, determining how closely the biometric information of the first customer matches the biometric information of the second customer, and indicating to the first customer and the second customer[[s]] how closely the biometric information of the first customer matches the biometric information of the second customer.

20. (cancelled)